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REMARKS:

REMARKS REGARDING CLAIMS AMENDMENTS:

Claims 1 and 17 have been amended as indicated above. Specifically, these claims have been amended to include the recitation of a non-oleaginous fluid as a component.

Claims 7 and 8 have been amended to correct the dependency from canceled claim 6 to amended claim 1.

Similarly claim 25 has been amended to correct the dependency from canceled claim 24 to amended claim 17

Claims 30-33 and 35-35 have been amended as indicated above to correct a previously unnoticed drafting error that indicated that these claims were directed to fluids when in fact they are directed to methods. In making this amendment, Applicants' intention is to not narrow the scope of the protection sought by these claims.

Support for the above amendments to the claims can be found in the original specification as filed.

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IN RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION:

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102:

Claims 1-5 and 17-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3527584 of Thayer. In response, Applicants request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection in view of the above amendments which obviate the basis for this rejection. Specifically the limitations of allowed claim 6 and 24 have been incorporated into now amended claims 1 and 17.

In view of the above, Applicants request the reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims under 35 U.S.C. §102 and ask that the Examiner indicate the allowance of the application in the next paper from the Office.

The undersigned representative authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 that may be required by this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-3082, Order No. PA-00115US.

Applicant's undersigned representative wishes the Office to continue sending all correspondence to current correspondence address in this case until such time a change of address request is filed.

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